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### THE SANCTIONIST DEADLOCK SPECULATION RIFE IN PARIS

ABANDONMENT UNTIL SEPTEMBER  
FAVoured BY NEW CABINET?

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

Although the discussion about the composition of the forthcoming Leon Blum Cabinet over-shadows all other themes in political circles, speculation is still rife as to how the sanctionist deadlock will be wound up. The "Ouvre," whose foreign political correspondent is usually excellently informed, writes that the new Cabinet contemplates postponing the final winding up of the Italo-Abyssinian conflict and the abandonment of sanctions till the September session of the League.

The turbulent spirit of French politics, M. Charles Mauras, director of the Royalist organ *Action Française*, who has frequently been in the public's notice in recent years, chiefly because he stirred up the Right-Wing students of the Sorbonne against the Government in power, was once again in the centre of the stage of public affairs when yesterday the Appelate Court dealt with his appeal against the judgment of the Penal Chamber of March 21, whereby M. Mauras was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for alleged incitement to murder.

### IMPERIAL CONFERENCE IN MINIATURE

Valuable Talks At Present Juncture

MEETING IN LONDON

London, To-day.

"The Times" foresees a miniature imperial Conference in London within the next few weeks which it opines is particularly valuable at the present juncture, when the international situation necessitates that Britain and the Dominions keep in line.

Mr. Earle Page Menzies from Australia is at present in London. Mr. Pirow is en route from South Africa. Premier Mackenzie King is coming from Canada next month and Mr. Nash is coming from New Zealand as soon as possible.

All come to deal mainly with commercial matters except Mr. Pirow, who will discuss problems affecting communications and the defence of South Africa, but *The Times* opines that the talks are certain to cover the whole range of subjects — foreign policy, defence, communications and international trade. — Reuter.

### DARDANELLES CONFERENCE

FORMAL MEETING NEXT MONTH

Geneva, To-day.

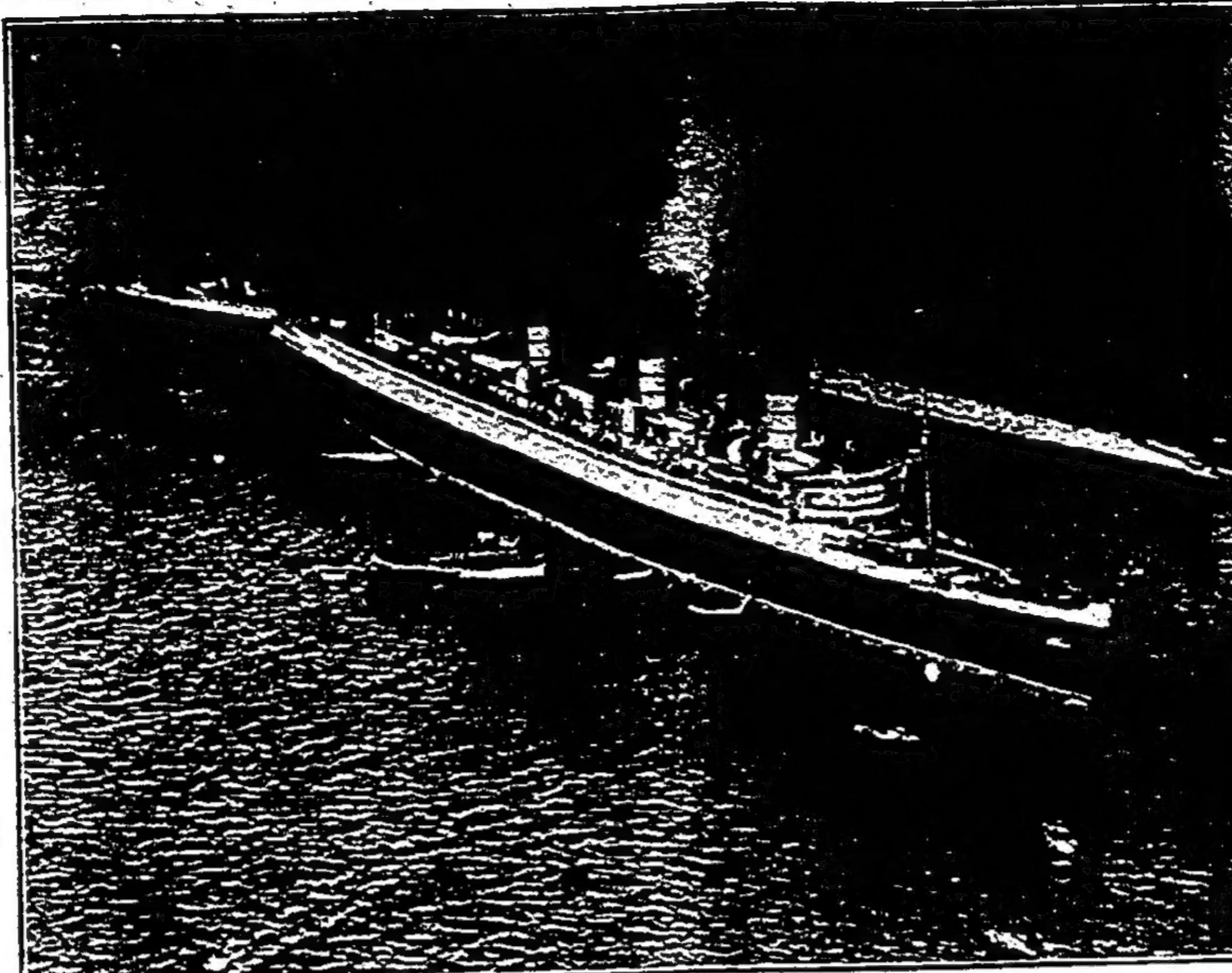
A conference on the Dardanelles will be held at Montreux immediately after the meeting of the League Council, probably on June 16, and it is expected that Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, will preside. The Turkish delegation will be headed by the Foreign Minister and will arrive at the Conference with a prepared plan. — Reuter.

### N. JERSEY FOREST FIRE WORST IN HISTORY OF STATE

New Gretna, N.J., To-day.

Five people have been killed and seven admitted to hospital as a result of the worst forest fire in the history of New Jersey. About 15,000 acres of timber have been destroyed. Thirty-three other people were reported to be missing earlier, but 17 of them are now accounted for.

The blaze raged for 48 hours. Just as 750 weary fire-fighters in the early morning thought they had conquered the fire it broke out again, and only a superhuman rally, directed by radio and an aeroplane, led to the final subduing. Scores of families fled from their homes along the busy highway between New York and Atlantic City. — Reuter.



The R.M.S. Queen Mary, above, will leave Southampton for New York to-day on her first voyage across the Atlantic. In official circles it is considered almost certain that she will break the Normandie's record time of 4 days 11 hours 42 minutes for the crossing.

### NEW VICEROY TO BE APPOINTED?

Marshal Graziani Favoured For Position

Rome, To-day. General Santini has arrived. General Mogadisio is assuming the Governorship of Italian Somaliland in place of Marshal Graziani. This seems to indicate that Marshal Badoglio will not return to Abyssinia, and that Marshal Graziani will be appointed Viceroy. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

### OPPOSITION TO AGGRESSION

National Drive In Canton?

From Our Own Correspondent:

Canton, Yesterday. No definite result has been reached between the Nanking delegates and the Canton authorities concerning co-operation between the Central Authorities and the military here. A further exchange of views took place last night and a showdown is expected by the end of the week.

The Central Authorities undertake to assist the Canton regime in restoring the value of its banknotes, whose credit is affected by the rising value of the Hong Kong dollar. The premium for Hong Kong currency has been rising, and this reduces the purchasing power for arms and other imported goods.

On the other hand, Generals Li Chung-jen and Pai Hsung-hsi, Kwangsi military leaders, believe that economic questions are subordinate to the years' imprisonment. — Reuter.

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### H.M. AS FIELD MARSHAL

Brief Ceremony At The Palace

London, To-day. H.M. the King's acceptance of his Field Marshal's baton was marked by the minimum of ceremony at Buckingham Palace yesterday afternoon. Six Field Marshals, including Lord Cavan, Lord Milne, Sir William Birdwood, Sir Philip Chetwode, Sir Archibald Montgomery-Massingberd and Sir Claud Jacob, all in morning dress, assembled in the State departments with the senior Field Marshal, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who handed to His Majesty the symbol of rank, accompanying the act with a few words, to which the King graciously replied. Only two Field Marshals were absent: King Alfonso and the Emperor of Japan. — Reuter.

### OBITUARY

Mrs. Hopkins Passes At Victoria Hospital

WELL-KNOWN CHARITY WORKER

We regret to have to record the death of Mrs. F. A. Hopkins, wife of Mr. F. A. Hopkins, J. P., Assistant Superintendent of Prisons, which occurred early this morning at the Victoria Hospital. The funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day. Mrs. Hopkins had been suffering for about a week with heart trouble, and was about 50 years of age. She was responsible for untiring work on behalf of local charities, among them being the Prison Branch of the Ministering League. Mrs. Hopkins came to the Colony about five years ago with her husband, and during the time of her residence here had made a large number of friends in all circles with which she came in contact.

Great sympathy will be felt with her husband, her daughter in Hong Kong and her son in England, in their bereavement.

### THREE BRITISH SUBJECTS DETAINED

Italian Authorities' Move At Diredawa

Djibouti, To-day. The Italian authorities at Diredawa have detained three British subjects, Colonel Llewellyn, of the British Ambulance unit, and Major Bentwick and Mr. Vaughan Jones, who went to Abyssinia on behalf of the Blue Cross. — Reuter.

### IRAQI CUSTOMS REGULATION

DIRECTED AGAINST JAPAN

Baghdad, To-day. A new Customs regulation provides that Japanese piece-goods cannot be cleared at Iraqi Customs houses unless the importer can prove the export to Japan of Iraqi produce to the value of 15 per cent. of the Japanese goods he desires to clear. The proportion of Iraqi exports will later be increased to 25 per cent. — Reuter.

### TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE

British And Dutch Interests

The Hague, To-day. Details of co-operation between British and Dutch air and sea lines were prepared in committee when the transport conference opened yesterday, attended by representatives of Imperial Airways, Royal Dutch and all the prominent British, Dutch, European and Oriental shipping lines. Both trips and fares were discussed. — Reuter.

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### COMPROMISE PENDING? NEW POLICY URGED BY KREMLIN

Moscow, To-day. It is understood that the Kremlin is urging a compromise with Italy, believing that German policy entails the greatest threat to European peace. M. Radek, writing in *Izvestia*, writes that an eleventh hour attempt will be made to organise collective security along the lines of the regional peace pacts proposed by the late M. Luis Bartho.

Urging collective security as the sole means of maintaining peace, M. Radek declares that England is unable to protect her interests single-handed, against Italian attack, while an Anglo-German understanding would antagonise all the nations which are apprehensive of German aggression. — Reuter.

### NEGUS'S JOURNEY TO ENGLAND

Booked By "Corfu"

Gibraltar, To-day. Passages for the Negus and his retinue have been booked aboard the P. and O. liner *Corfu*. There will be no official reception when the Negus arrives on Friday by H.M.S. *Cape Town*, and he will probably stay aboard the cruiser while in Gibraltar. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

## MAIL SCHEDULES

## AIR MAIL

Imperial Airways via Singapore  
Bandung-Amsterdam via Singapore  
Saigon-Marseille via Saigon

Singapore-Australia  
Correspondence will be accepted for transmission by these services. Rates and all particulars are shown in the schedules exhibited at the Post Offices. All letters etc. must be marked "By Air Mail" and be handed in at the Post Office.

The Money Order Office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. except on Saturdays when it closes at 12 noon and on Sundays and holidays when it is entirely closed.

An Air Mail Box has been erected at the General Post Office. Correspondence intended for the R.M.A. "Dorado" must be posted before 8.30 a.m. on Friday. In Kowloon such correspondence may be posted in the ordinary box at Kowloon Post Office which will be cleared at 8 a.m. on Friday. The public are particularly requested to see that their letters bear sufficient postage. Correspondence bearing insufficient postage will be forwarded by ordinary services.

## INWARD MAIRS.

## FROM EUROPE May

R.M.A. Dorado (Imperial Airways Service) ..... 27  
Rawalpindi (via Sues) ..... 27

## FROM U.S.A. May

Pres. McKinley ..... 25  
Emp. of Russia ..... 4

## Pres. Hoover ..... 4

## FROM SHANGHAI May

Victoria ..... 22  
Pres. McKinley ..... 22

Chitral ..... 22

Gen. Sherman ..... 22

Arapenor ..... 22

Jean Laborde ..... 22

Sarpendor ..... 22

Emp. of Russia ..... 22

Pres. Hoover ..... 22

## FROM STRAITS &amp; INDIA May

Tango Maru ..... 28

Calchas ..... 28

Houtman ..... 28

Yuenlong ..... 28

## FROM JAPAN May

Tokuwa Maru ..... 27

Hakodate Maru ..... 28

Pres. McKinley ..... 28

Chitral ..... 28

Gen. Sherman ..... 28

June

Pres. Hoover ..... 4

Emp. of Russia ..... 4

## FROM MANILA May

Emp. of Canada ..... 27

Nanking ..... 27

## FROM AUSTRALIA June

Nanking ..... 3

## OUTWARD MAIRS.

## FOR EUROPE May

Emp. of Canada (via Siberia) ..... 28

Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.

R.M.A. Dorado (Imperial Airways Service) ..... 28

Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 8 a.m.

Chitral (K.L.M. Service) ..... 30

Closes: Reg. 8.30 a.m. Ord. 9 a.m.

D'Artagnan (via Siberia) ..... 30

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prise and I do wish the school

every success in the future."

(Applause.)

His Excellency then declared

the cornerstone well and truly

laid, using a mallet and trowel,

after which the stone was blessed

by Father Biganti.

His Excellency shook hands with

the officials and departed.

Tea was served, during which

the band played a number of se-

lections.

## CONVENT SCHOOL STONE-LAYING

## Ceremony Performed By Governor

## NOTABLE GATHERING

The ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the new Maryknoll Convent School, which is being built at the junction of Waterloo Road and Boundary Road, Kowloon Tong, was yesterday afternoon laid by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, who has happily recovered from his recent indisposition.

His Excellency, who was accompanied by Mr. H. J. Crutwell, Private Secretary, was met on arrival by Rev. Father G. T. Byrne, S.J. and Sister Paul, Regional Priress.

Girl Guides of the Holy Spirit School and the Maryknoll Convent School provided a guard of honour and also lined the way up the stairs to the scene of the ceremony.

The building was gaily bedecked with flags and bunting. Music was provided by Professor F. Gonsalves and his band.

Among those present were Sir William Hornell (Vice-Chancellor of the University), Mr. A. G. W. Tickle (Acting Director of Public Works), Mr. W. B. Flinnigan, Registrar of Hong Kong University,

Colonel A. Burrowes, Commander Royal Artillery, took the chair and, in opening the meeting referred to the death of the late Chairman, Colonel A. B. Hearle, D.S.O., which they all regretted and which was a great loss to the Association. He stated that the number of members of the local branch in 1934 was 224, in 1935 was 195, and in 1936 had increased by leaps and bounds and at the present moment stood at 387.

The Secretary, Lieutenant (D.O.) F. Peck, M.B.E., D.C.M., R.A., read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were passed. He proposed that Colonel A. Burrowes be appointed Chairman of the local branch of the Association, which was carried unanimously.

The Treasurer, Captain L. M. Scott, R.A., read the accounts, which were in a very satisfactory condition.

The following were elected to serve on the general committee:—

Chairman: Colonel A. Burrowes;

Treasurer: Captain L. M. Scott, R.A.;

Secretary: Lieutenant (D.O.) F. Peck, M.B.E., D.C.M., R.A.;

Members: B. S. M. Grant (Stonecutters), L/Sergt. Williams (Liemen), and S/Sergt. (A.C.) Glasspool (Kowloon).

## Officials Elected

The following were elected as assistant secretaries and members of the entertainment committee:—

Master Gunner G. F. Bentley, S/Sergt. (A.C.) Glasspool, H.K. Bde., Gunner R. W. Aldridge, 12 H.Y. Bty., Bombardier Short, 20 H.Y. Bty., Bombardier Pickworth, 24 H.Y. Bty., L/Sergt. Williams, 9 A.A. Bty., Bombardier Percival, 9 A.A. Bty., and Mr. A. E. Mawar.

The following proposals were agreed to:—

1. That non-members attending R.A.A. entertainments should be charged 30 per cent. more than members.

2. That members of the 1st Battery, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, should be regarded as honorary members of the R.A.A. at all entertainments.

3. That subscription cards be retained with members' documents as at present, but shown to them annually, and that membership cards be issued to each member.

4. That subscriptions be collected in quarterly instalments instead of half-yearly, and remitted to headquarters annually.

5. That Mr. Biss be asked to

serve again as member on the

general committee.

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## Bringing Up Father



"Living Statuary," posed by a member of the "Tommy's Revue" Company which is now appearing at the King's Theatre.

## R. A. ASSOCIATION

## Meeting Held On Monday

## NEW OFFICIALS ELECTED

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## SMUGGLING IN N. CHINA

## Nanking's Attempts At Prevention

## MANY SCHEMES CONSIDERED

From Our Own Correspondent Canton, Yesterday.

Concerning the extensive smuggling in North China by Japanese ronins and others, Chinese reports received from Tientsin last night stated that Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, economic adviser to the British Treasury, is in favour of using Chinese warships to check the smugglers.

Numerous schemes have been adopted by the Ministry of

Finance to stop smuggling, but none of the plans has yet been effective. The Tientsin Customs are powerless to cope with the situation.

Japanese merchants complain that the Chinese import tariff is too high and therefore encourages smuggling. They say that some of the smugglers are Chinese.

Foreign observers in North China believe that Japan wants to use the smuggling issue as a means to force the Nanking Government to enter into an alliance with Japan and Manchukuo.

Three cases of enteric fever and one of smallpox were reported to the local Health authorities during the three days ended on Monday.

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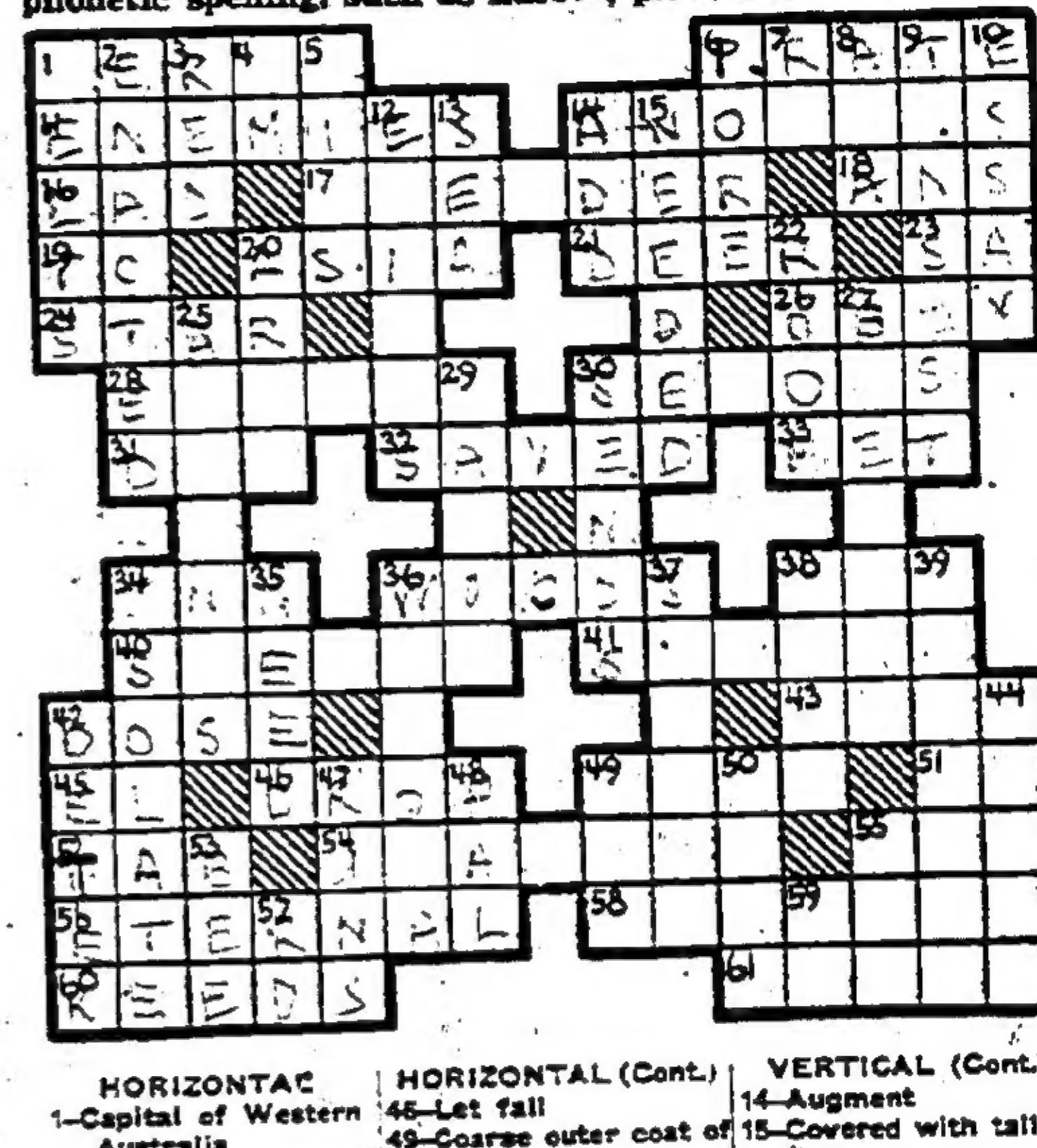
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

1-Capital of Western Australia 14-August  
6-Idle talk 15-Covered with tall grasses  
11-Foes 20-Scheming  
14-Awakens 22-Part of a house  
15-Youth 23-Consecrates  
17-Thin 27-The brunt of the  
" 18-Answer (



# Sporting Page



## RECREIO LIKELY TO MAKE STRONG BID FOR PREMIER HONOURS

### MACAO TENNIS SIDE VISITING COLONY TO MEET RECREIO OVER WEEK-END BADMINTON GAME AGAINST ST. ANDREW'S

(By "Ace")

THE Macao Tennis Club will be sending a representative team to Hong Kong this week-end, as guests of the Club de Recreio, and will engage in an inter-Club series of matches on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. The mixed doubles matches are to be held on Saturday afternoon, and on Sunday morning the men players will be seen in action.

The Macao players are serving a double purpose in visiting Hong Kong — they will also participate in badminton games, against a team representing St. Andrew's on Saturday night, and on Sunday evening against a Recreio team. Since the Macao players have only recently taken up badminton, the local Portuguese are not fielding their best team.

Under the captaincy of D. Joao da Silva, the Macao team will be the best available at the present time. With Carlos H. da Silva, Franca has an able partner for the doubles, as the former player is regarded as the most promising and most improved of the younger exponents of the game. He has an excellent service, combined with a good volley and overhead. Franca, although a veteran player now, was at one time, the co-holder of the Doubles Championship of Portugal, his partner on this occasion being an English Naval Officer, and one of the leading Service players at home. Franca's service is most consistent, though not of the "ace-scoring" type, with a terrific spin on every ball. His strongest point is his overhead — he smashes with deadly accuracy. Backed with a volley that is sound on both hands, fore and back, a perfect drive, and a steady backhand, he is, undoubtedly, a formidable foe. The progress of ten-

## Good Understanding

Playing as the second doubles string, J. da Senna Fernandes and Alfredo J. da Silva are strong as a playing force, their understanding and positioning on the court being almost perfect.

Antonio H. de Mello and Alexandre Boyol will complete the "A" team. The former has won the Macao Single title in the past, and is one of the brothers who could, if they all got together, field a team of their own. The team, on the whole, is a young one and is backed with an unending supply of stamina. They should give Recreio "A" something to think about.

The "B" team is a well-balanced one, with H. W. Bradley and Luis A. de Mello playing as first couple. Of the former player, I have no data as to his ability, but Luis A. de Mello has figured in most of the inter-Club matches, and can be relied upon to give a good account of himself in all his games. A. de Barros Pereira and F. C. Yuan, Luciano B. la Costa Martin and Fernando J. Ramalho will complete the side.

## Mixed Doubles Series

The mixed doubles series will carry the majority of votes where keenness and the friendliest rivalry is concerned. The Macao team has been complimented by the fact that Recreio are taking no chances in the mixed doubles matches, for they are fielding their league side, with no changes in the line-up.

I have been given to understand that the Macao team is a strong one, and, therefore, Recreio will have to give of their best if they are to register a win.



The famous Tattenham Corner where to-day's Derby will probably be decided.

### LOW SCORING BOWLS MATCHES

#### CRAIGENGOWER PAIR'S VERY NARROW WIN

LOW scoring featured the postponed First Round ties in the Colony Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship yesterday. W. V. Field and M. A. R. Souza, of Craigengower, beating J. Watson and J. Fraser, of the K.C.C. by 14 shots to 13 on the Police green in what must represent a record in a low-scoring, championship game, while at the K.C.C. L. Glendinning and J. Shepherd, of the Police, beat J. D. Thomson and G. E. F. Thompson, of the K.B.G.C., by 16 shots to 9.

#### VILLA INTERNATIONALS NOT RETAINED

#### Three Players Who Cost Club £21,000

London, May 2.—Aston Villa, who will play in the Second Division next season, are placing three former Scottish internationals on the open-to-transfer list. These are Gibson, McLuckie, and Blair, who cost the club approximately £21,000.

Gibson has been with the club nine seasons, Blair four, and McLuckie 18 months. Both Gibson and Blair have captained the side, Williams, the outside-right, who was bought from Huddersfield Town for £2,000 in November, is also on the transfer list.

drew's and Recreio.

## Strong Saints' Team

The Saints will be fielding a strong side composed of the following players:—R. H. Wong, H. Kew, E. F. Fincher, F. V. Wong, A. S. Bliss and L. E. Kirby.

The following have been selected to represent the Club de Recreio:—

## LAWN TENNIS

"A" Team  
A. V. Remedios (Captain) and J. J. Gonsalves.

A. V. Gosano and C. A. Barreto, F. J. Remedios and H. A. Barros.

## "B" Team

J. J. Remedios and L. F. V. E. Beiro.

W. A. Reed and H. A. Noronha, A. E. Xavier and M. A. Oliveira.

Mixed Doubles  
A. V. Gosano and Miss Olga Ribeiro.

F. J. Remedios and Miss Clancy Botelho.

A. V. Remedios and Miss Alice Roza.

BADMINTON  
L. A. L. Silva, H. A. Barros, P. A. Silva, N. Beltrao, E. A. R. Alves and J. Xavier.

Reserve: A. E. Xavier.

A suitable programme for the entertainment of the Macao team includes a tea on Saturday afternoon at the Club de Recreio, and on Sunday a dinner on the Club premises, to be followed by a dance, the music being supplied by amateur musicians of the Club.

N. Bebbington and A. Hyde-Lay, of the K.C.C., experienced a comfortable win in their match against Club colleagues, beating S. J. Houghton and T. Fergusson by 28 shots to 16 after being led on the first three heads, a five on the 4th end proving the turning point, while at the K.B.G.C. A. W. Grimmitt, the former Open Singles, Pairs and Rinks champion, and C. Strange overwhelmed T. B. Parks and M. Ferguson by 30 shots to 11, the winners scoring on 9 consecutive heads from the 6th till the 14th inclusive.

S. O. Bux and A. R. Minu of the I.R.C. recorded a narrow win when they defeated V. C. Labrum and J. Jack by 16 shots to 12, while P. E. Knight and J. Hollidge triumphed over their Civil Service clubmates L. Collyer and J. Purves by 22 shots to 12.

## Match Abandoned

At Ming Yuen the match between M. Y. Adal and A. E. Dallah, of the I.R.C., and H. E. Strange and R. R. Wood, of the Civil Service, was adjourned at the 19th head owing to darkness, the score being 17-all! In the remaining game yesterday W. Mai and W. Greig, of the Police, beat F. Paul and W. Macfarlane by 23 shots to 18, a five on the 10th end turning the match in their favour from this point they led until the end.

## Detailed Scores were—

## Craigengower Win

J. Watson M. A. R. Souza and W. V. Field

Heads J. Fraser W. V. Field

1 1 1 0 0

2 1 2 0 0

3 0 2 1 1

4 2 4 0 1

5 1 5 0 1

6 1 6 0 1

7 0 6 1 2

8 0 6 1 3

9 0 6 1 4

10 0 6 1 5

11 1 7 0 6

12 1 8 0 6

13 2 10 0 6

14 0 19 1 7

15 0 16 2 9

16 0 16 1 10

17 0 10 2 12

18 0 16 1 13

19 1 11 0 13

20 2 13 0 13

21 0 13 1 14

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## YOUTHFUL SIDE TOO GOOD FOR CLUB

### GONSALVES PLAYER OF GREAT PROMISE

#### McDOUGALL DOES WELL IN SPASMS

(By "Base-Line")

THE Recreio, who were runners-up to the Chinese R.C. in the "A" Division of the Lawn Tennis League last year, have every reason to look forward to an equally successful season and, judging on yesterday's showing against a very mediocre H.K.C.C. team, they are likely to extend both the champions and the greatly improved I.R.C. team.

With the advantage of youth, the Recreio sextette yesterday made rings round the Club players, who were flattered by the possession of two-and-a-half sets. Beaten time and again by their opponents' pace and initiative, they put up a plucky but unavailing front, and the majority of the points they secured were the result of careless mistakes on the part of the home players.

In Gonsalves the Recreio have a player of exceptional promise, and he fits in perfectly with A. V. Remedios' style of play. In a set limited to 12 games they are going to prove very formidable rivals.



Capt. G. E. T. Eyston, above, the world famous British racing driver, set up several new world's land speed records for diesel engine cars on the Salt Flats at Bonneville, Utah, during a heavy storm last month!

## K.C.C. JUST TOO GOOD FOR SOUTH CHINA

### Fincher Brothers In Fine Form

#### CLARK DISAPPOINTS AND CHINESE IMPROVE

Disappointing play featured the "A" Division Lawn Tennis League fixture between the Kowloon Cricket Club and South China A.A. The newly promoted team from the "B" Division, on the former's courts yesterday and which resulted in a win for the Cox's Path combination by 5 sets to 4.

The Fincher brothers were again responsible for carrying the K.C.C. to victory, being very impressive in all their three matches. Clark, a promising newcomer, however, proved disappointing and failed to come up to expectations. He gave Bodiker little support and consequently the latter started shakily, though he improved immensely as the game progressed.



Grose and Guest were steady, although the latter will have to put more power behind his forehand drives.

The Chinese have improved all round and in time should offer a real challenge to the holders, they were most impressive at the net, which is a good sign.

Scores were:—

E. C. and F. E. Fincher (K.C.C.): beat W. H. Ho and K. H. Wong 5-1, beat F. N. Wong and C. P. Ip 6-3, beat K. F. Lui and H. K. Ho 6-3

F. Goss and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.): beat Ho and Wong 6-4, lost to Wong and Ip 4-6, lost to Lui and Ho 4-6

G. Grose and G. Clark (K.C.C.): beat Ho and Wong 6-2, lost to Wong and Ip 5-7, lost to Lui and Ho 4-6

## INDIAN R. C. SHOULD TEST CRAIGENGOWER

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To Field Full Side

Due to the fact that the C.R.C. "A" Division (1) team could not field a side, as several of their players are on the sick list, they were forced to concede a walk-over to their senior team (1) in their premier division League tie at Causeway Bay yesterday.

Members of the Club, however, figured in a practice "knock-up" on the lines of a League match, though no scores were kept as an official of the Club informed the *China Mail* that the points had already been awarded to the "A" (1) team.

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## INDIAN R.C. SHOULD TEST CRAIGENGOWER

## FRIENDLY CRICKET MATCHES

## Military Teams Prepare

The C.R.C., who have held the "B" title for the past 12 years, will again make a bold bid for honours, and I cannot see the H.K.C.C. giving them an early check. Rodger and Evans should test the champions, but I doubt whether the other two pairs will hold their own, even on their own courts.

The C.R.C. second string will entertain the K.C.C., who are conceding an outside chance of winning the title, and a rare battle between experience and youth will probably result in the visitors just winning.

## Recreio Favoured

The Recreio should not have much difficulty in accounting for the C.B.A., although the latter team's hard-hitting tactics may quite easily cause an upset. The Civil Service, who finished up third last year, are even stronger this season and a handsome victory over the University is expected of them. Shute and Todd will take some beating in this division, and if Bendall and Agafuroff can show any improvement on last year's form the Valley Club are going to prove formidable rivals.

## The Teams

The following are selected teams for to-day:—

C.B.A.—R. Blyth and N. Whitley; J. M. Wilson and B. L. Bickford; F. D. Angus and J. J. Ferguson.

C.R.C. (1) Lee Yu-wing and Leung Ping-chiu; Choy Ping-ian and Lau Man-kwong; Ip Tak-lam and A. N. Other.

Craigengower—J. W. Leonard and Y. Hachiuma; G. Lai and W. J. Howard; F. R. Zimmern and R. Choa.

I.R.C.—F. D. Pereira and Y. E. Arculli; A. E. Kitchell and S. A. R. Bux; M. E. Abbas and M. el Arculli.

C.C.C.—S. A. Gray and A. Crawford; A. W. Ramsey and G. C. Burnett; L. Jack and N. A. E. Mackay.

Civil Service (Probable)—R. Todd and E. L. H. Shute; J. A. Bendall and L. Agafuroff; J. Bradley and G. Penney.

University—T. C. Lee and H. N. Lee; K. T. Kwik and J. Hau; Y. C. Lau and S. Ling.

## The Programme

The following is to-day's and the week's programme, commencing at 5.15 p.m. sharp on each day:—

## "B" DIVISION

To-day

C.R.C. (2) v K.C.C.

(Causeway Bay).

C.C.C. v L.R.C.

(Happy Valley).

C. de R. v C.B.A.

(King's Park).

H.K.C.C. v C.R.C. (1)

Fr. Day

(Hong Kong C. C.).

C.S.C.C. v H.K.U.T.C.

(Happy Valley).

"C" DIVISION

To-morrow

K.I.T.C. v I.R.C.

K.C.C. (1) v S.C.A.A.

K.T.G.C.A. v C. de R.

H.K.U.T.C. v G.C.C.

C.R.C. v A.T.C.

C.S.C.C. v K.C.C. (2)

"D" DIVISION

Fr. Day

P.R.C. v L.R.C.

K.I.T.C. v A.T.C.

C.C.C. v K.C.C.

C.B.A. v S.C.A.A.

## PROSPECTS FOR ALL-INDIA CRICKET TOURISTS

## THE CASH VALUE OF A DERBY WINNER

## INCREASED BY THEIR STUD PROSPECTS

## BLANDFORD'S REMARKABLE CAREER

(By Eric Rickman)

THE Aga Khan's Taj Akbar at 13 to 2 for the Derby ... Pay Up second favourite at 100 to 15, and Noble King at 7 to 1 ... What are the money-making possibilities of these horses about whom the whole world is talking? In this article Eric Rickman draws on his profound turf knowledge to tell the story of the earning capacities of other great horses.

The value of the Derby winner to-day will be greatly increased by his triumph in the world's greatest race. The result will have an extensive effect on bloodstock values and "fashion," for there are fortunes to be made from racehorses without being a penny-piece on them.

One named Blandford, who died recently, was bringing to his owners an annual income of about £12,000 in stud fees. At the time of his death he was insured for a sum which covered approximately what he would have earned for another three years. His fee had been 400 guineas and was to have been increased next year to 500 guineas.

If the insurance money is included Blandford must have earned nearly £125,000 since he was retired from racing. His original cost to his owners, Messrs. R. C. and the late S. C. Dawson, was 730 guineas, and when they bought him at least

one man who knew his history

thought that it would be impossible to train him.

## Hopeless Case

Blandford was bred at the National Stud, and when he was a year old he had rheumatic fever. It is said that the veterinary surgeon who attended him thought at one time that he was a hopeless case.

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## Swimming Organiser



D. F. LOPEZ, Hon. Secretary of the Victoria Recreation Club and a fine all-rounder in his day, was born in Hong Kong in 1907 and educated at the Diocesan Boys' School.

He did not, however, take an active interest in sport until after leaving school, when he joined the Club de Recreati and played hockey and cricket for their first eleven from 1928 until 1932, being Hockey Secretary for the same period.

He joined the Victoria Recreation Club in 1933 and was elected to the Swimming Sub-Committee as a judge and timekeeper in 1934, and in 1934 accompanied the Hong Kong Interport team to Shanghai in the capacity of Manager. He was appointed to the Secretarship this year.

A very keen follower of the Turf, he is a very good judge of horse-flesh.

## THEIR CHANCES IN COMING TESTS

## ENGLISH SELECTORS SET ABOUT THEIR TASK

## THE YOUNGER PLAYERS

(By Howard Marshall)

London, May 2.

TO-DAY the cricket season really opens. For weeks the nets have been busy, and arguments have raged about the summer's prospects, but this morning the bell will ring on county grounds, and the first properly hostile ball will be bowled.

I was impressed by the glimpse we had of the Indians at Gravesend. They were naturally stiff and out of practice, but they are clearly cricketers of the right sort, anxious to attack the bowling, and keen in the field. They will be at their best, no doubt, on fast wickets, for their batsmen are essentially stroke players, with the supple, wristy style which seems to be a national characteristic.

They produced more brilliant strokes in one brief innings at Gravesend than we are accustomed to see in the whole course of a county match, but brilliance alone is not enough.

Possibly the Indians will show us that they have soundness also. Amar Nath kept his nose over the ball with exemplary steadiness, C. K. Nayudu is a great player, Wazir Ali we know as an unusually stubborn opening batsman. Palla is a level-headed left-hander, and if only the Nawab of Patiala were able to play and add ballast to the side, we might be sure that the Indian batting would be adequate.

As for the bowling, there is the giant Mohammed Nissar, fast and formidable, with S. Bannerjee to open the attack with him.

Here again the assistance of Amar Singh, now playing for Colne in the Lancashire League, would be invaluable, and it is probable that he will be included in the Indian team for Test matches. With Mohammed Nissar, Amar Singh, Bannerjee, and plenty of medium-paced bowlers, the Indians are quite capable of pressing us hard.

## Finding England Team

This brings me to the real problem for the England selectors will spend an anxious summer trying to collect a team which will do us credit in Australia next winter. I do not envy them their task, for the nucleus round which they have to build is uncommonly small. Sutcliffe, Leyland, Hammond, Wyatt, Ames, Verity—these players we may write down as certainties, but where are we to look for the rest, and who is to be our captain?

In all, it was an enjoyable encounter with the right spirit prevailing.

Detailed scores:—

R. W. V. Robins cannot make the trip, and any prognostications about the captaincy may be regarded as premature shots in the dark.

Apart from the captaincy though, what are our prospects? The pundits, let me admit, are depressed. Our greatest players are our veterans. Our youngsters mature slowly. It would be difficult indeed to pick an M.C.C. team for Australia to-day.

## Our Young Players

Why this should be so it is hard to say. Young cricketers like Washbrook and Hutton have been heralded as the natural successors to the Old Guard, but somehow they do not fully consolidate their positions. They are still promising, and it may be that this summer they and others like them, with proper encouragement, will step into their kingdom.

There is Oldfield, of Lancashire, for example, a 25-year-old batsman who played a remarkably fine innings against Surrey last season. On that performance he is, perhaps, the most promising of them all.

There is Hardstaff, of Nottinghamshire, who did extremely well during the recent M.C.C. tour of Australia and New Zealand. There is N. S. Mitchell-Innes, the Oxford captain, plagued by hay-fever last season, but potentially a great batsman. Mitchell, of Yorkshire, Todd and Fagg, of Kent, Smith, of Derbyshire, and bowlers like Copson, of Derbyshire, said to be fit again, and Pollard, of Lancashire—there are other young players who should give us hope for the future.

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## PAY UP TO WIN DERBY?

## Made Last-Minute Favourite

## TO-DAY'S CLASSIC AT EPSOM

London, To-day.

The following is the final call-over for the Derby which will be run on Epsom Downs to-day:—

Pay Up, 6 to 1 t and o.

Taj Akbar, 100 to 14 t and o.

Noble King, 15 to 2 t and o.

Bowwell, 8 to 1 t and o.

Balibassar, 100 to 8 t and o.

Mahmoud, 100 to 7 t and o.

Barry Star, 25 to 1 o, 28 to 1 t.

Carioca, 23 to 1 t and o.

Abier, 28 to 1 t and o.

Thankerton, 21 to 1 o, 33 to 1 t.

Midstream, 28 to 1 o, 33 to 1 t.

Converit, 33 to 1 t and o.

His Grace, 35 to 1 t and o.

Raeburn, 40 to 1 t and o.

Fearless Fox, 40 to 1 o, 50 to 1 t.

Belachel, 45 to 1 t and o.

Magnat, 45 to 1 t and o.

Walvis Bay, 66 to 1 t and o.

Mendicant Friar, 100 to 1 t and o.

Squadron Castle, 100 to 1 t and o.

Spinach, 100 to 1 t and o.

Probable Starters

London, to-day. The following are to-day's Derby probables:

Squadron Castle (Dines)

Pay Up (Dick)

Mendicant Friar (Weston)

Barry Star (Marshall)

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Hong Kong, Wednesday, May 27, 1936

## Britain's Food Supplies

"What gives one Power a great advantage over another in these days," said Mr. Stanley Baldwin in the defence debate in the House of Commons a couple of months ago, "is not only the readiness of that Power for war, but the readiness of the Power, having embarked on war, to continue with no diminution in her supply of munitions." Such readiness in itself, of course, depends on industrial resources. In this respect Great Britain is in a strong position. She is not only the most completely and highly industrialised State in Europe, but the structure of her industries is such as to enable manufacturers to face with confidence any exceptional demands that may be made on them.

But it is in the domain of ensuring the food supplies of the country that England's weakness is most evident. The British Isles produce relatively little of the food consumed by man and beast. Since 1925, according to figures supplied to the House of Commons lately by Mr. Walter Elliot, Minister of Agriculture, wheat imports into Britain had increased from 27 per cent. to 42 per cent., butter imports from 66 per cent. to 76 per cent., and beef and veal imports from 64 per cent. to 82 per cent. During the same period 125,000 British workers have left the land. This is not a satisfactory position by any means, since the country is so dependent on supplies from abroad for such a large portion of its human and animal provender. During the last war German submarines were at one period sinking ships bringing food to Britain at the rate of two a day. What would be the position in any future war? It is surely obvious that food convoy ships would be open to far greater attack—both from submarines and from the air; and since Britain is the heart of any scheme of defence, it would appear that the question of far greater resources of home food production should have the active interest of the responsible authorities. Mr. Baldwin has stated that the home production of food in time of war and measures to increase it are "under review"; Mr. Neville Chamberlain more recently added that "these are not matters which have been lost sight of by the Government." The new Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence announced only a week ago that the question of adequate food-supplies in wartime was one of the principal matters with which his department was concerned. These announcements are welcome, but the declaration of a definite policy would be even more welcome at the present time.

In these matters it is up to the National Government to give a lead again, as they have already done with the London Passenger Transport Board and the "grid" electric supply system, towards the nationalisation of the food industry. Since Sir Harcourt Butler first remarked that "we are all Socialists now" the country has gone even further in that direction. All these measures are socialistic in origin and conception; and it is these aspects of the Socialist creed that have most lasting value and can be freely adopted by other political parties without any fear that in doing so they are showing any recession of political principles. "Back to the land,"

## URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

## Vacancies Filled

## APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES REFUSED

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council was held in the Post Office Building, yesterday afternoon, Mr. R. R. Todd presiding.

Others present at the meeting were the Hon. Mr. A. G. W. Tickle, Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector General of Police, Mr. F. C. Hall, Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, Dr. Li Shu-fan, Mr. A. el Arculli, Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. C. Champkin, Mr. C. J. Roe, secretary, and Mr. Im Ping-tseung, assistant secretary.

Mr. Cyril Champkin was welcomed as a new member.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, Mr. Todd laid on the table the following:

Letter from Government relative to the appointment of Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam and Mr. B. Wong Tape to be members of the Urban Council.

Letters from Government signifying the approval of the Legislative Council to the amendment of the following by-laws:—(a) Dangerous and Offensive Trades; (b) Cattle, Swine, etc.; (c) Conveyances; (d) Markets.

## Vacancies Filled

In dealing with the proposed arrangements for the filling of vacancies on the various Select Committees of the Council, Mr. Todd proposed that Messrs. W. N. Thomas Tam and Benjamin Wong

Tape be appointed to the Dangerous and Offensive Trades Committee; Mr. Wong Tape to the Eating Houses and Restaurant Committee; Dr. S. N. Chau to the Markets Committee; and Mr. Thomas Tam to the Prevention and Mitigation of Epidemic, Endemic, Contagious and Infectious Disease and Linewashing and Wells and Pools Committee.

The Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie seconded.

The Chairman then moved the substitution of certain by-laws by others regarding the removal of cattle and other livestock housed in a depot and the matter of hawkers' licences.

## MADRID FLIGHT POSTPONED

## Further Overhaul Of Plane

Manila, To-day.

The flight of Arnaiz and Calvo to Madrid has been postponed to to-morrow, owing to a further overhaul of the plane.—Reuter.

A message received yesterday said that two Filipino aviators, Antonio Arnaiz and Juan Calvo, who were planning to take off from Laoag, North Luzon, for Hong Kong to-day on the first leg of their flight to Madrid, would establish the record of being the first Filipinos in history to fly beyond their own shores.

Their plane was named the "Philippines Commonwealth," and they hoped to reach Hong Kong within five hours.

They would carry mails as far as Hong Kong.

## EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

## Armless Bowler

MOSE CURRIER, Syracuse, N.Y. ironworker, who now resides in Washington, D.C. Left his job and worked hard as a rivet gun operator, until he met with an accident. He laid the rivet gun on a high tension wire in 1917, and lost both arms. Undaunted by this misfortune, he gallantly set about new tasks and games, and is to-day not only a good bowler, but a handball player. Mr. Currier bowls 145 at ten pins, and has turned in as high as 124 at hardball duck-pins. He may be seen almost any day at the Recreation Alleys in Washington

in fact, should be something more than a slogan; it should be translated into reality—and as quickly as possible.

Here  
There  
and  
Everywhere.

## PARIS HUSBAND'S PLEA

The Paris divorce courts are accustomed to many strange reasons for asking for a divorce decree. These range from infidelity to incompatibility of temperament.

Recently a case was pending in which a husband—a wealthy manufacturer in the Paris district claimed divorce on the ground that his wife was "a slave to fashion and applies rouge to her lips in a manner unbecoming to one of her station."

## MR. BALDWIN GOES OPPENHEIM

A book called "The Intelligence Service," a copy of which has just been received from Italy, is evidence of the low moral character which Sanctions have earned for the British as a nation. The British, it tells us, are a people to whom justice, humanity, liberty and peace are so many means of making money.

The author, Signor Augusto de Angelis, announces in his preface that it is his mission to "reveal to his countrymen the diabolical nature of their English enemies in order that they may learn to fight them with their own weapons."

According to Signor Angelis, Mr. Eden and Liberal and Socialist idealists are all innocent pawns of the notorious Sir Basil Zaharoff.

Geneva will be surprised to learn that it was he who set the League machinery in motion in order that he might be able to sell dum-dum bullets to Abyssinia.

Mr. Baldwin, the author states, is not only the first citizen of England, but has the additional honour of being the head of the Secret Service.

## Your Daily Smile!

## Ideal Instrument

The professor was practicing upon a dumb keyboard. One day a friend called. The man detected popular music. He watched the silent player for a few moments, and then said:

"What a pity the composers of our popular music don't write more for that instrument!"

## Exact

Guide: "These magnificent mountains are 2,000,000 years and four months old."

Traveller: "How do you know their exact age?"

Guide: "A geologist studied them four months ago and he told me they were 2,000,000 years old then."

## Frankness

Mother: "Gracious, Johnnie! How did you get such dirty hands?"

Johnnie: "Washing my face."

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## Exact

A variety concert is to be staged at the Cheero Club this evening by a party of Servicemen from Shanghai next Friday morning at 6 a.m.

## BLACK LEGION'S NEW OUTRAGE

## COWARDLY ATTACK ON RELIEF WORKER

## STRIPPED AND FLOGGED BECAUSE HE REFUSED TO JOIN CULT

Detroit, To-day.

A cowardly attack on another relief worker is attributed to the Black Legion, who have been terrorising the countryside for some time.

The victim was carried off, stripped and flogged, allegedly because he refused to join the cult. Warrants are being issued for the arrest of 25 men charged with kidnapping and felonious assault in connection with the incident. The accused include three brothers who are all guards in the Southern Michigan prison.

Meanwhile a member of the society from Lima, Ohio, named Effinger, who is wanted for questioning, says that unlawful acts are committed by irresponsible persons claiming membership of the society, which he declares has legitimate aims and numbers over 6,000,000 members, and desires to promote the best interests of America. — Reuter.

## LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The R.M.A. Dorado arrived at 11.19 a.m. yesterday, carrying Dr. B. L. Falconer, American, as a passenger from Penang to Hong Kong, and 12,800 kilos of freight and 121,466 kilos of mail.

A dinner dance will be held at Repulse Bay Hotel to-day, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

The fortnightly whist drive of the Craigengower Cricket Club will be held on Saturday, commencing at 9 p.m.

Indisposed for the past week, Mr. S. F. Balfour returned to his magisterial duties at the Central Police Court yesterday. During his absence Mr. C. B. Burgess deputised in the Second Court.

Mr. Albert Mallinson, the visiting examiner of the Trinity College of Music London is to give an address on "Beauty in Music" to-day, at 5 p.m. in the Lusitano Club (Ball Room). Teachers (and pupils from Junior grade upwards) and all friends interested in music will be welcome.

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## GIMBLETT AGAIN IN LIMELIGHT

Harris Scores Third Century

LIGHT BLUES BEAT ARMY BY FIVE RUNS

London, To-day.

Following their win over the All-India touring team at Tauton by 9 wickets three weeks ago, Somerset registered their first win in the county championship series yesterday when they beat Northamptonshire by 10 wickets at Kettering, a century by Gimblett, coupled with some fine bowling by Hazell, who secured 14 for 129, giving them the maximum points. Gimblett, incidentally, registered his third three-figure century of the season, having knocked up a century against All-India and Lancashire respectively in earlier matches. Last season he won the award for the fastest century.

In the match between Notts and Hampshire, which the former won on the first innings, Harris was again prominent with the bat, his 105 not out being his third century this season—he scored 135 against Gloucester and 102 against Cambridge.

Iddon scored a century, his second this season, for Lancashire against Worcester, while Warne, of the latter county, made his first century in first class cricket.

Results in detail are as follows:

At Kettering, Somerset beat Northamptonshire by 10 wickets. Somerset: 246 (Gimblett 100) and 22 for 0. Northants: 129 (Hazell 6 for 60) and 157 (Hazell 8 for 79).

At Manchester, Lancashire took first innings points from Worcestershire. Worcester: 242 and 268 for 8 dec. (Warne 115). Lancashire: 232 (Iddon 130) and 103 for 3.

At Nottingham, Nottingham took first innings points from Hampshire. Notts: 303 and 238 for 1 (Harris 105 not out). Hants: 299.

At Cambridge, the Light Blues beat the Army by five runs. Cambridge: 238 (N. W. D. Yardley 101) and 109. The Army: 151 and 191.

At Bristol, Gloucester beat Glamorgan by one wicket. Glamorgan: 240 and 116 (Goddard 5 for 43). Gloucester: 177 and 183 for 9.

At Hinckley, Leicestershire beat Warwickshire by one wicket. Warwickshire: 133 (Geary 5 for 36) and 78 (Geary 7 for 7). Leicestershire: 108 (Mayer 5 for 19, Hollies 4 for 19) and 104 for 9 (Hollies 6 for 39).

At Chesterfield, Derbyshire beat Sussex by an innings and 25 runs. Derby: 347 (Townsend 182 not out). Sussex: 129 (Copson 5 for 42) and 233.

At Sheffield, Yorkshire beat Kent by an innings and 153 runs. Kent: 107 (Verity 6 for 26) and 39 (Verity 9 for 12). Yorkshire: 299 for 7 dec. (Barber 158).

At Lord's, Middlesex beat All-India by 4 wickets. All-India: 110 (P. W. V. Robins 5 for 18) and 158. Middlesex: 173 (Amar Nath 6 for 29) and 96 for 6.

At Brentwood, Essex beat Essex by 8 wickets. Essex: 94 (Glover 6 for 36) and 223 (Glover 6 for 46). Surrey: 250 (Barling 106, Nichols 5 for 70) and 68 for 2. —Reuter.

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## County Championship Table To Date

## 1st Innings

	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.	No.	Pts.	Pts.	Per. C.
Kent	6	4	1	0	1	63	90	70.00	
Leicestershire	4	2	0	1	1	58	60	63.33	
Surrey	6	3	1	2	0	55	90	61.11	
Yorkshire	4	2	1	1	0	35	60	58.33	
Notts	3	1	0	2	0	25	45	55.55	
Derbyshire	4	1	2	1	0	33	60	55.00	
Hampshire	6	2	0	2	2	46	90	51.11	
Essex	5	2	2	0	1	33	75	44.00	
Lancashire	5	1	0	3	1	33	75	44.00	
Somerset	3	0	1	0	1	18	45	40.00	
Warwick	3	1	2	0	0	15	45	33.33	
Middlesex	3	1	2	0	0	15	45	33.33	
Worcestershire	3	1	1	0	3	24	75	32.00	
Gloucestershire	3	1	3	1	0	20	75	26.66	
Sussex	5	0	1	1	1	8	75	10.66	
Glamorgan	3	0	3	1	1	8	75	10.66	
Nothants	4	0	3	0	1	6	60	5.00	

## Miss Earhart Plans New Round World Flight



Los Angeles.—Miss Amelia Earhart (Mrs. G. P. Putnam), above, the only woman to fly solo across the Atlantic, is planning a round-the-world flight from East to West.

Friends of the airwoman say that she has already acquired a twin-engined all-metal plane for the flight.

The aeroplane, a Lockheed Electra, will be equipped with all scientific aids to aerial navigation and blind flying.

Miss Earhart will make several non-stop dashes across the American Continent as test flights before she begins her flight round the world.



## BRITISH AMATEUR GOLF SERIES

## Bobby Locke Beaten In Second Round

## EX-SHANGHAI BOY WINS

St. Andrews, To-day.

A feature of the concluding stages of the Second Round of the British Amateur Golf Championship yesterday was the defeat of the favourite, Bobby Locke (South Africa), by Morton Dykes (Scotland), by one up. Another former South African champion, Bernard Wynne, was beaten one up by Penning of Oxford.

Jack Maclean, the ex-Scottish champion, beat John de Forest, winner of the title in 1932, by 3 and 2; Rex Hartley, the Walker Cup player, beat James Stout, also a Walker Cup player, by 2 and 1.

## THIRD ROUND RESULTS

The winners included the Australian James Ferrier, the ex-Shanghai boy, and the British Walker Cup players Tony Torrance, Dr. Tweddle, Leonard Crawley and Eustace Storey. Outstanding Third Round results were Roger Wethered's win over A. Bloomer (Grimsby) by 4 and 3, while Luis Arana the Spanish champion, beat K. Patrick (Scotland) by 3 and 2. Frank Scroggie (South Africa) beat A. Black (Wales) 1 up; and Hector Thomas, the Walker Cup player, beat James Brock (Scotland) by 7 and 5.—Reuter.

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## MRS. WILLS-MOODY NOT PLAYING

## Unable To Defend Title At Wimbledon

## BUT WILL COMPETE AT FOREST HILLS

New York, To-day. Mrs. Helen Wills-Moody will not be going to Wimbledon to defend her title next month.

Interviewed by Reuter, Mrs. Wills-Moody said that it was a question of choosing between Wimbledon and Forest Hills. She said "I would like to get back the American title more than to defend the Wimbledon championship" when explaining that she would be unable to get away from home for the length of time necessary for the European trip.—Reuter.

Mrs. Wills-Moody last held the U.S. tennis crown in 1931, since which date Miss Helen Jacobs has held the title. She won the Wimbledon title for the sixth time in 1933 when she defeated Miss Dorothy Round (Britain) in the Final by scores of 6-4, 6-8 and 6-3, but she did not take part in the 1934 series. Last year, she staged a comeback and won the title again, beating Miss Helen Jacobs (her Forest Hills conqueror in 1933) by 2 sets to 1.

It is believed that the Arab leaders are ready to call off the strike and check the lawlessness if they can find a way out, as they realise that they are rapidly losing control of the younger hot-heads, but Sir Arthur Wanchope, the High Commissioner, will not yield on the major points of his policy and is determined to suppress all lawlessness before initiating negotiations. The difficulty is to find some common ground for an immediate solution of the present troubles, thus creating an atmosphere of calm for the parleys.—Reuter.

## MISS YORKE'S TRIUMPH

## Second Title At Auteuil

Auteuil, To-day. Miss Yorke (Gt. Britain) secured her second win in the French lawn tennis championships yesterday when, partnered by Marcel Bernard (France), she won the Mixed Doubles title, beating Martin Legay and Mme. Henrotin (France) 7-5, 6-3, 6-3.—Reuter.

Partnered by Mme. R. Mathieu (France), Miss Yorke secured her first win in the French championships on Sunday when she beat Miss Sussan Noel (Gt. Britain) and Mme. Jedrzejowska (Poland) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the Final of the Women's Doubles. Her latest win has considerably enhanced her chance of inclusion in the British Wightman Cup team.

To-day's Complete Short Story

## WEDDING PRESENT

By E. A. Moll

PAUL heard the chimes out in the hall sound faintly. He swallowed his drink and looked at his father-in-law. The latter smiled companionably.

"Little nervous?" "Mm mm. Not a bit."

Elinor came in from the hall and floated over to them. "They're here. Now remember," she warned, only half joking, "you're to be terribly nice to everybody." She had piled her hair high on her head, her face was a little flushed with hurry and the green chiffon dress had ignited submerged gold glints in her reddish hair. He

looked, and his heart grew dangerously taut, like a balloon blown up beyond the margin of safety. "Don't worry," he said inadequately. "I'm just brimming over with sweetness." He'd begun to brim over with his father-in-law's liquor too, he realised; his lips were feeling quite numb.

She squeezed his hand and went off in a trailing pale green mist. Mr. Maitland was still smiling. "How do you feel?"

"Fine," he said. "Swell. First rate."

"Well . . ." the older man filled his glass, "lift this one anyway, just for luck."

Paul felt himself grinning at him; he could feel the shape of it around his mouth. The man had turned out to be a prince. It wasn't fair of him, really . . . A confused shape of voices preceded the group into the living room. He went forward with Mr. Maitland,

London, To-day.

It is feared that seven men have been drowned in a colliery disaster in South Wales. While 20 men of the day shift were at work yesterday in the Loveston pit in Pembrokeshire, which has only recently been re-opened after several years, water broke through the roof of the workings, which are 600 feet deep. Thirteen of the men succeeded in fighting their way to safety.

Rescue work is being feverishly pursued, but owing to the rising water the difficulties are great.

One body has been recovered, but

nothing has been seen or heard of the six other men who were trapped.—British Wireless Service.

a little wooden smile on his face, a little wariness in his head, steady and cool through the gaunt insubstantiality. Elinor made the introductions. Brightly . . .

"This is Aunt Hetty. Paul Shell probably disapproves of you but she does about everything anyway, on principle, so don't get high hat about it."

He bowed. The automatic index began to check, just a little blurred through the fog.

"H'lo." Nice dry voice. Attractively homely face. "Well, it was right snappy work anyway . . ." Pleasantly astringent. Plus.

Uncle Irvin. "Ayah . . . Young man . . ." Mm hm. "Lochinvar out of the west, eh?" Throaty, hearty, good looking, thirty-five pounds overweight. "Ayah . . ." Pff.

Uncle Mathew. "Well, you've got your fourth at bridge finally, Beth. Is he any good?" Humorous eyes, a little hard, trig moustache, vaguely adulterous. Plus.

Aunt Myra. Bellidgia. Mouth two sizes smaller than natural for company. Limp hand. "I've heard so much about you." Minus.

Cousin Gerald. "How do you do." Just dandy. How the hell are you? Tall, shy, defensive aloofness — something familiar about that. Me, he realized suddenly, surprised. Uh uh, better steer clear.

Cousin Joy. ". . . too exciting, you didn't really, did you really, run off to Greenwich?" . . . Nice kid. Thinks Elinor just too too. Ready to think any one. Elinor thinks too too too too, too. (Continued on Page 10)

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# H.K. And Shanghai Hotels

## DIFFICULT TRADING CONDITIONS

### STORM WEATHERED LOCALLY

Difficult trading conditions in the hotel business, especially in the Northern ports, were reported by Mr. J. H. Taggart, Chairman of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., at the annual general meeting of the Company this morning. The Company's local properties weathered the storm better than those in the north, and the Chairman was able to announce a substantial reduction of over \$165,000, effected during the past year, in the Company's mortgage indebtedness.

The special reconstruction scheme, involving a reduction in capital and which, it is hoped, will effect a speedy return to a dividend-paying status by the Company, was also referred to at length in the Chairman's speech.

Mr. J. H. Taggart was in results of the Autumn and Winter, the chair and was supported by his trading. The high value of the local dollar during the Summer of 1935, coupled with the attraction of low currency values at North China and Japan resorts which prevailed *vis-à-vis* Hong Kong currency, had the effect of completely eliminating the Summer tourist patronage customarily received at our establishments in the Colony during that season.

"In view of the foregoing, I regret that the Profit and Loss Account before you delineates poor working results substantially below those attained during previous years, notwithstanding the fact that the items of contra charge were reduced to the lowest limit compatible with prudent and efficient operation. The main item of credit—'Balance of Working Account'—\$430,375.55, falls below the similar credit for the previous year by some \$270,000. The item 'Rents of Shops and Offices' similarly reveals a considerable decrease of some \$38,000—vacancies, and reductions made to tenants on rentals, enforced this diminution.

"A welcome re-entry to the credit of Profit and Loss Account this year is the item 'Dividend on Investment' \$13,867.48. This relates to the dividend distribution of our subsidiary Company, the Grand Hotel des Wagons Lits, Ltd., on a holding of 5,651 shares in that Company. The last issued Balance Sheet of the subsidiary Company, as at June 30, 1935, is attached to the Report and Accounts before you, in which relation I am pleased to be able to state that the hotel in Peiping operated by the subsidiary Company enjoyed much improved revenue during its last accounting period, and that the current revenue returns received here from Peiping continue to present satisfactory figures.

#### Debits Much Reduced

"With the exception of the charge in respect of 'Bad and Doubtful Debts Written Off,' items to the debit of the Profit and Loss Account are all on a much reduced level, in comparison with those embodied in the accounts for the previous year. It is regretted that the excepted item referred to displays a serious increase over amounts provided for such a contingency over the past few years. It is, however, difficult to obtain prompt settlement of accounts in these times. I should point out that in assessing the amount of the provision in question it was deemed prudent to maintain our standard basis by excluding from schedules of debts for incorporation in the Balance Sheet all transaction ante-dated 12 months prior to the closing of the books. It is confidently anticipated that a substantial proportion of the items provided for will eventually be recovered, and I can state that satisfactory headway in that direction has already been made during the current year.

"You will observe that depreciation on the Circulating Assets has been written off to the extent of \$125,748.37, but depreciation on Buildings and Furniture and Fixtures has not been provided for in view of the reconstruction proposals to be submitted for your consideration at the Extraordinary General Meeting which immediately follows this Meeting.

#### One Solitary Oasis

"Touching upon the Balance Sheet, I submit there is little calling for comment. I would mention, however, that between the time of certification by the Auditors and the printing of the Accounts an omission has occurred in relation to the item 'Furniture and Fixtures,' the words 'plus additions' having been omitted. These additions totalled \$7,751.35, representing the cost of a consignment of modern electric heaters, together with some new furniture.

#### Better Results in H.K.

"Your Hong Kong establishments fared more favourably, I am pleased to say. Indeed, results achieved at most of our hotels in the Colony during the first and last quarters of the year were highly satisfactory. Unfortunately, however, the Summer season of 1935 again ushered in an era of 'oldrums' sufficiently dull to almost eradicate the satisfactory

and carpets for Hong Kong establishments.

"Turning to the Liabilities side of the Balance Sheet, you will see that the Special 'Repairs and Renewals Reserve' has suffered depreciation during the year by \$10,932.41. This relates mainly to special expenditure incurred in painting the whole of the exterior of the Hong Kong Hotel, and to rewiring in connection with the electrical installation of certain of our establishments in order to conform to the requirements of Government regulations.

"The Balance Sheet reveals one solitary oasis in the midst of what you may consider my somewhat depressing remarks. I refer to the reduction of the Company's Mortgage indebtedness effected during the year. You will observe that the figure under that heading in the Balance Sheet before you is \$289,469.61, which compares favourably with a Mortgage liability of \$454,896.83 at December 31, 1934. I feel that the reduction made during the year 1935 of approximately \$165,000 is gratifying in the circumstances, as also is the fact that the indebtedness of your undertaking has been further reduced since the turn of the year and now stands at the lowest figure on record covering the past 50 years.

#### Reconstruction Scheme

"I do not consider there are other items in the Balance Sheet and Accounts upon which I can usefully comment. I would, however, crave your attention for a few minutes in relation to the proposal which will come up for

your consideration at the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held later to-day, with regard to the scheme for reconstruction of the Balance Sheet of the Company by the utilisation of certain reserves and by cancelling capital to the extent of \$2.50 per share.

"In my circular letter addressed to Shareholders under date April 27 last, a copy of which is in your hands, I stated that your Directors had given serious consideration to the present financial position of the Company. This consideration has entailed the earnest deliberations of your Directors over a lengthy period.

"During the past few years—years in respect of which the trading results have enabled a dividend distribution to shareholders and also years which have been bare of dividend—considerable sums have been charged in the Profit and Loss Account by way of Depreciation on Buildings and Furniture and Fixtures. In addition, the resultant position was strengthened by the presence of Reserves substantial in amount, which, with the exception of the Land and Buildings Reserve, had been allocated out of profits in past years. Moreover, it was rightly considered that in view of the book values of the land owned by the Company, as against the market worth of such land, a considerable hidden reserve existed.

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"However, the experiences of the past two years have wrought a drastic change in that outlook. Particularly is this so in Shanghai, where the collapse of some important land companies operating on an extensive scale has caused a veritable slump in property values. In the circumstances your Board considered that remedial steps in relation to the Balance Sheet should be taken immediately.

"In addition to the altered situation with regard to property values, a further disadvantage (connected with the revolutionary ideas now attaching to the construction of new hotels and their equipment) has become so markedly apparent as to call for a new interpretation of 'modern accommodation' in relation to the demands of patrons, and thus operates to the detriment of older structures. Your establishments and their equipment, therefore, although constituting assets which have been subject to depreciation at rates considered sufficient to reduce each unit thereof to a break-up value within the period of its effective life, must in the light of modern conditions be regarded as standing in the books at figures far in excess of their actual capitalised value as earning units.



Foreign Consuls in Canton attended a special ceremony in connection with the recent death of Mr. Hu Han-min, the veteran Kuomintang leader, last Monday. (Far Eastern Pictorial Correspondents).

"As indicated in my circular letter, the aim of the reconstruction proposals submitted for your consideration is to write down all assets to figures which represent their real worth as assets dependent upon their earning capacity. To achieve this it is proposed to write off from Book Values as at December 31, 1935, the amounts scheduled in the circular before you amounting to \$8,856,737.34. It is proposed to effect this (1) by writing up the Book Values of Land as at December 31, 1935, by \$550,980.16; (2) by transferring Reserves as listed in the circular, totalling \$5,318,349.14; and (3) by cancelling Capital to the extent of \$2.50 per share, making available on the 1,193,867 shares issued \$2,984,667.50.

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## WEDDING PRESENT

(Continued from Page 7.)

He staggered uncontrollably and straightened his face severely.

Cousin Felicia. Another one of the "how do you do's." Out of Tallulah Bankhead by Dennis King. Haut Monde. Militarily unimpressed. Looks like the uncle with the chic moustache. She ought to wear one too.

"And this, Paul, is Granny Maitland."

He got a cloudy sensation of relief looking at her. He hadn't realised it until just now, but he'd been vaguely troubled by a sense of Elinor not belonging somehow, in this house, among these people—a stranger, a changeling. Now, relieved, he saw the undeniable thread, the genetic design. She put out her hand to him, a fragile touch of instant kinship, and his face broke into a smile, a real one.

"So this is the youngster all the fuss was about," she said in a thin dear voice.

"Now mother," Mr. Maitland warned with studied lightness. "You mustn't embarrass the boy. We just wanted to make sure he'd appreciate Ellie when he got her, finally."

"Well, you made sure they'd both appreciate you anyway." She kept looking at Paul with a bright, friendly, humorous regard and he grinned back wholeheartedly, without tightness. Somehow he had always thought of old people as crumpled, broken, robbed, shrivelled with living, like his Grandmother Hartmann. But this slim, straight little old lady seemed to have given nothing essential of herself to time at all. She was—why yes, she was beautiful. Not the way Elinor was beautiful, but beautiful all the same. It was something brand new to him and he looked at her eagerly, holding on to her hand.

"Chicago, eh?" Uncle Mathew said in his crisp voice. "Well you can count on me for the bullet-proof vest, Ellie."

"And who'll she count on for the pants?" Hetty asked.

"I'll have to fix her up with those, Het. After all, I'm only her uncle. People might misunderstand."

"Well that's fine," Elinor said. "Fine. That about takes care of everything. I guess Let's see . . . Uncle Irvin has me fixed up with insurance . . ."

He would be in insurance, Paul thought.

". . . I suppose I can count on mother and dad for the machine gun and truck."

"What's this?" Granny Maitland said to Paul. "You're not in the beer business?"

He grinned at her. "Do you think that might have helped?"

"Well, it certainly would have with me." She looked up at her son now. "We haven't had any excitement in the family, you know, since Martin tried to forget about paying duty on . . ."

"Don't you want to come up and see some of Elinor's things mother?" Mrs. Maitland suggested.

The old lady turned to her, her bright humorous eyes shining with laughter. "Of course, Beth dear. But that's not what you meant, is it? You meant shut up."

"H . . . The cackle of delight came from Paul's throat involuntarily. She was marvellous. He looked at her almost avidly. It was as if the life she'd lived had burned nothing out of her, as if she'd lived always in a cool flame that had only refined, rarefied the quality of her so that it hung now almost like an abstraction in the transparent whiteness of her face.

Suddenly, from far in the past, a shadowy remembrance came back to him—of opening a drawer, somewhere, sometime in another life, and getting a whiff of a marvellous scent, a faint breath of musk and lavender and secret, guarded age that had meant something—wonderfully, wordlessly evocative—about death and deathlessness.

And all at once, looking at this lovely old lady so wonderfully alive on the brink of death, he saw her as she must have been when she was a young woman, an earlier edition of Elinor, in a day when women—at least her kind of woman—had something better from men than the franchise. He saw her in one of those preposterous, lovably preposterous dresses with bustles and flounces and ruffles and what-else—not on them, and somewhere in the quite unsanitary and unnecessary folds something else sewed in too—the lost fragment of femininity, a simple-minded, childish, callow dream of women, purity, romance . . . Ah yes . . . glamour is well lost for knowledge no doubt—as darkness for light, and bondage, even bondage to a sweet dream, for freedom. But the dream still haunts us, no getting away from that. We walk into light growing always clearer and brighter and our minds are filled with it, and our hearts grow somehow emptier and hungrier all the time with all the vague hungers of our past piling up in us, unsated and insatiable.

And he saw her thus, Elinor in a bustle, with a silly little parasol over her shoulder, and his heart filled with a sudden unaccountable gratitude, and seized by an irresistible impulse he bent over the hand still lying in his, light and dry as a leaf, and put his lips to it. He realised then what he was doing and thought angrily, you're drunk, you nitwit—realising how stagey and ridiculous it must look to the others. He flashed an embarrassed glance at the old lady's face, expecting an expression of surprise or amusement in those wonderful clear old eyes. But it was neither of these he saw there. Something else was forming in her face, an expression that was more like . . . shyness than amusement. Shyness. No, it was silly—but watching incredulously, he saw a faint pink flush spreading now over the delicate whiteness of her cheeks. She was blushing—actually blushing. Again his heart swelled with that tremendous cloudy surge of gratitude. It was so marvellous of her, of the life in her, to have remained so pure, so unimmed, so living. Yes, here he knew cloudily, in this lovely fragile being so close upon death, he had come upon "something

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Presentation To Mr.  
Tom Hynes

After 32 years in the service of the Hong Kong Government, 22 of which have been spent in the Post Office, Mr. Tom Hynes, Mail Superintendent, who is leaving for London on retirement by the P. and O. liner Chitral on Saturday, was the recipient yesterday of a handsome watch subscribed for by past officers of the Post Office department and the present European and Chinese staff, and this was handed to him by the Post Master General, Mr. H. B. Butters.

The inscription on the watch was: "Presented to Mr. T. Hynes on his retirement from the Postal Service of Hong Kong, by the Postmaster General and Staff, May, 1936."

Mr. Hynes came to Hong Kong in 1904, joining the Police, and in 1906 transferred to the Sanitary Department. He joined the Post Office in 1914.

deathless, something which, recognising, he knew beyond all reason, in his heart, was out of the reach of death. And he felt glad, terribly glad and grateful to her. It was as if she had given him an inestimably precious gift—Elinor's immortality.

She had bent toward him smiling secretly, just between them. "I thought you were entitled to that little revenge."

He would have liked to say something to her about the gift, but it wasn't anything he was sure he could have put into words, even if he were sober. He made the pressure of his hand say thanks. For the little moment there were just the two of them. The others, Elinor too, stood apart smiling, a little embarrassed, outside it.

"You must have looked just like Elinor when you were young," he said now. "That makes me feel awfully glad, somehow. It means she'll probably look just like you when she grows old."

She drew her arm through his. "What do you mean, old? Up you mean, don't you?" She smiled delightfully and put her hand out to Elinor. "Get the album, Ellie darling. He brought it on himself."

She had come upon "something

(THE END)

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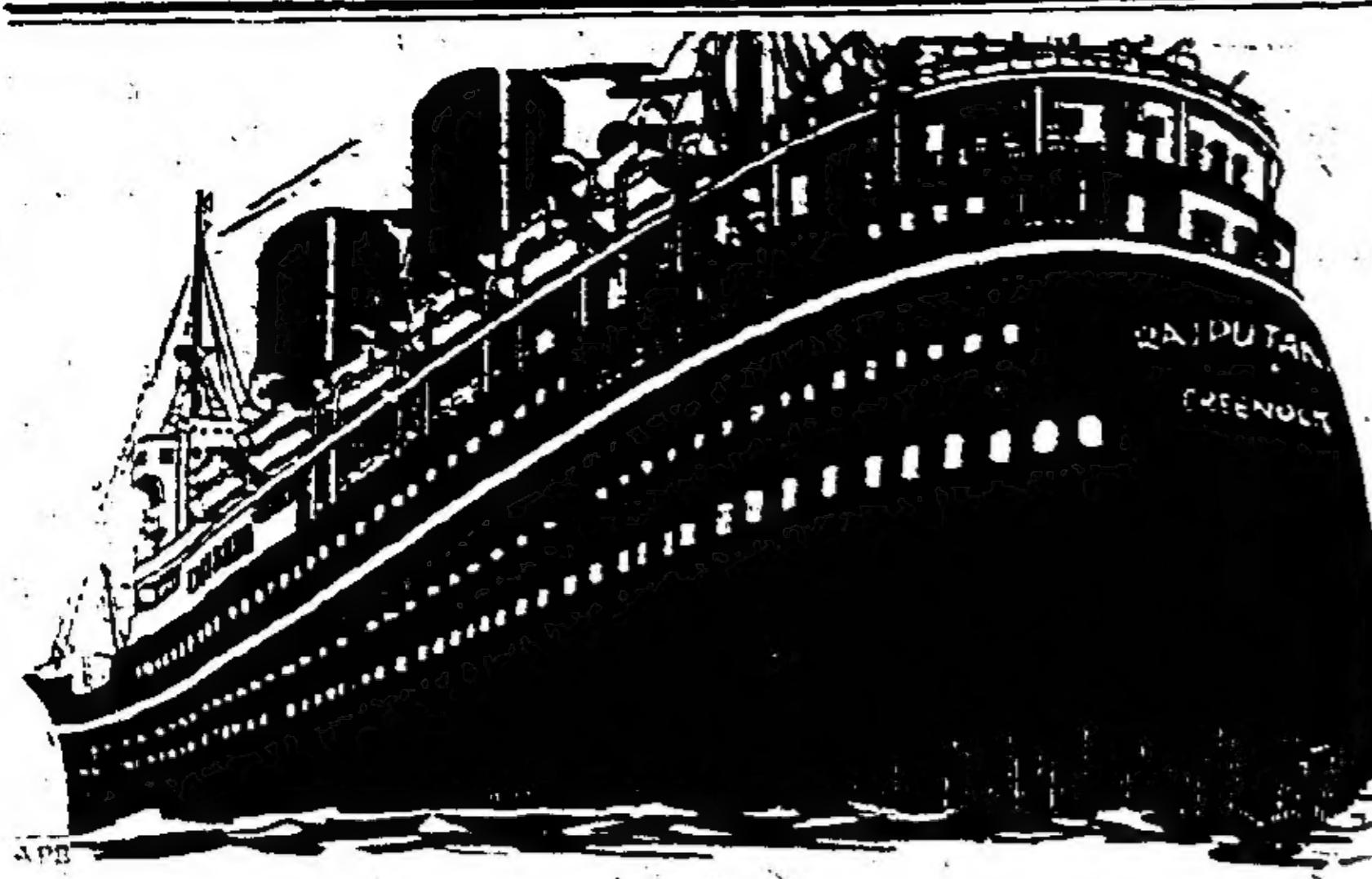
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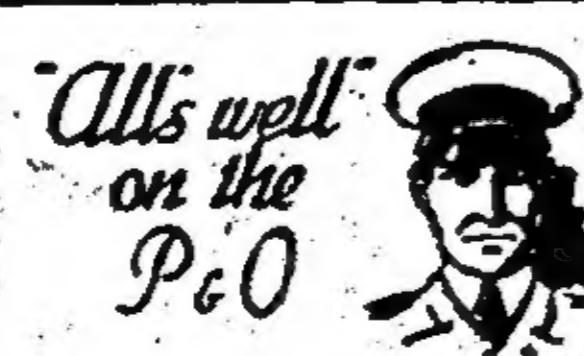
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### Cinema Notes From The Theatres

#### THE GREAT IMPERSONATION KING'S THEATRE

In "The Great Impersonation," the greatest of all the romantic mysterious ever written by E. Phillips Oppenheim, Edmund Lowe, the star, plays a dual role. It is an exciting story of international intrigue and love, and opposite him are beautiful Valerie Hobson and seductive Wera Engels, the lovely women in his life, who finally pierce through the secret of "The Great Impersonation" and bring it to a grand conclusion.

The story opens dramatically in per-war German East Africa in 1914. The note of gradually mounting terror for which Universal is supreme, pervades many of the scenes, intermingled with shots of beauty and grandeur, beautiful women, lavishly gowned. The balance of the cast includes Henry Mallison, Spring Byington, Lumsden Hare, Henry Kolker, Brandon Hurst, Claude King, Leonard Mudie, Murray Kinnell, Esther Dale, Dwight Frye, Douglas Wood, Ivan Simpson, Virginia Hammond and Edward Cooper. Alan Crosland directed this Edmund Grainger production.

#### "LITTLE AMERICA"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

That epoch-making polar trip, starring Admiral Richard E. Byrd and his loyal band of 56 followers, has been recorded for all time in Paramount's "Little America," an actual scene by scene account of the intrepid explorer's second Antarctic Expedition as taken by two cameramen who accompanied the expedition.

Every thrilling event of this hazardous undertaking in this truth-is-stranger-than-fiction production, crammed with suspense, drama and romance in every foot of film, is shown. Isolating themselves of their own free will, filled with the spirit of adventure, this courageous expedition set out to conquer the frozen wastes of the South Pole, determined and ready to face any danger, every hardship.

The intimate everyday life of these men, who spent 18 months in an ice empire making valuable researches as they battled the elements, is vividly shown in the picture. This fearless group are shown at work, fighting through blinding blizzards, roaring gales, unimaginable cold in a land of ice and snow. They are seen at play, finding relaxation through radio programmes in their underground city, and at their studies in their own University of Antarctica with the expedition's scientists acting as professors.

The film opens on board the ship Bear of Oakland as it fights its way through the icebergs and dangerous pack ice to the 70-foot high barrier to "Little America" exactly as they left it a few years before, when they made their first trip.

#### "FOLLOW THE FLEET"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

The nimble feet and lusty lungs of Fred Astaire are given a thorough workout in RKO Radio's musical, "Follow the Fleet," in which the King of Terpsichore again has Ginger Rogers co-starred.

Astaire sings four brand new Irving Berlin melodies, one with Ginger Rogers; and dances four times, three times with Miss Rogers, and one solo dance, along with his engaging comedy performances.

He sings "We Saw the Sea," "I'd Rather Lead a Band," and "Let's Face the Music and Dance," and he and Miss Rogers join in the rendition of "All My Eggs in One Basket."

He and Miss Rogers do a hot collegiate ballroom routine to "Let Yourself Go." Later they join in a comedy pantomime dance to "All My Eggs in One Basket." And for a finale, they do an interpretative dance to "Let's Face the Music and Dance."

For his solo dance, Astaire does a sensational seven minute tap routine to "I'd Rather Lead a Band." Twenty-four sailors accompany him in this novelty drill dance, which is the rhythmic highlight of the picture.

Astaire and Miss Rogers are supported by a brilliant cast in



Merle Oberon, as she appears in "The Scarlet Pimpernel", an "Old Favourite" showing for one day only at the Star Theatre to-day.

#### NORTH SEA COLLISION

#### Six Trawler Hands Drowned

London, To-day.

Six lives been lost by drowning in the North Sea as a result of a collision of Aldborough, near Flamborough Head on the Yorkshire coast, between the Hull trawler Picador, of 424 tons, and the London steamer San Salvador, of 5,805 tons, which occurred in a dense fog yesterday morning. The Picador, which was returning to Hull from fishing grounds, sank in three minutes. The San Salvador, which was bound for the Tyne from South America with a cargo of oil, picked up 14 of the Picador's crew of 20.

The San Salvador was damaged and is taking in water. She is making for port.—British Wireless Service.

Including the lovely Harriet Hilliard and Randolph Scott in featured roles.

"Follow the Fleet" was written for the screen by Dwight Taylor and Allan Scott, directed by Mark Sandrich, and produced by Pandro S. Berman.

#### "THE CASE OF THE CURIOUS BRIDE"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

Warren William again portrays Perry Mason, while Margaret Lindsay plays the part of the "curious bride." Claire Dodd continues as Mason's astute secretary-sweetheart.

The attorney-detective learns that the bride's first husband, supposed to have been dead for four years, is alive, and is attempting to blackmail her. Then the man is found dead with a stab wound through his heart. The wife's keys are found at his side and she is arrested for the murder.

Perry Mason, as the woman's attorney, discovers there are four other persons who had a motive for killing the blackmailer. One is the bride's second husband who is insanely jealous of her; a Dr. Haillap, who is genuinely in love with her; a chorus girl and her brother, who are being bled for blackmail.

The cast includes Donald Woods, Winifred Shaw, Warren Hymer, Allen Jenkins, Barton MacLane and Olin Howland.

#### "THE THIRTEENTH GUEST"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

Borrowed from Warner Brothers for a leading role in the Monogram production, Lyle Talbot, well-known-leading man, presents one of the finest performances of his sensational career in "The Thirteenth Guest," a mystery melodrama.

He sings "We Saw the Sea," "I'd Rather Lead a Band," and "Let's Face the Music and Dance," and he and Miss Rogers join in the rendition of "All My Eggs in One Basket."

In "The Thirteenth Guest" he plays the outstanding role of the debonair private investigator whose clever solution of the plot furnishes the climax for one of the weirdest and most unusual murder mysteries of the year.

Starring Ginger Rogers, the cast also includes J. Farrell MacDonald, Frances Eich, Irene Rich's beautiful daughter, and Eddie Phillips. James Eagles, Erville Alderson, Robert Klein, Crawford Kent, Ethel Wales, Phillips Smalley, Paul Hurst and William Davidson.

#### Best Ever

The present Duke of Portland bought St. Simon for 1,600 guineas. The horse's classic engagements were void owing to the death of his nominator, but in the course of his racing career he proved himself to be perhaps the best

#### THE CASH VALUE OF A DERBY WINNER

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The statement has been made that he was not of much account as a racehorse. That is not true. Blandford was not entered for the Derby of his year, but there is good reason to believe that he would have won if he could have run for it. At that time he was as good as even weights as the four-year-old Franklin, who on the day after Captain Cuttle's Derby won the Coronation Cup. Three of Blandford's sons have won the Derby, Trigo, Blenheim, and Windsor Lad.

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## QUEENS

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A HEART-STIRRING ROMANCES

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HOTELS

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"It must be recognised that conditions have changed very rapidly during the last few years, and that, due to many special causes, there has been a relatively rapid depreciation of the Company's assets, making it impossible to obtain a fair return upon their existing book values. If the suggested reorganisation be adopted, the adjusted balance-sheet will present these Assets in a truer perspective, having due regard to their earning capacity."

## Strong Cash Position

"The present cash position is a strong one, and the reconstruction proposed, given only fair trading conditions in the near future, should bring the time nearer when the Company, we hope, may be placed again upon a dividend-paying basis."

"Mr. Chairman, I have much pleasure in seconding your pro-

DR. WONG BACK  
IN COLONYFormer Local Aquatic  
Ace On World Tour

Among the passengers who arrived in the Colony this morning from Singapore by the s.s. Rawalpindi was Dr. Wong Siong-hing, the former Colony and Interport Back-Stroke swimmer, who, accompanied by his wife, is travelling round the world. He hopes to visit Berlin for the Olympic Games.

Dr. Wong is intending to spend a month in the Colony before resuming his journey via Japan and Canada. He is at present in practice in Kedah with his brother and intends returning to Malaya on the completion of his round-the-world-tour. He still swims a little and recently played water-polo for the Singapore Chinese Swimming Club.

AGRICULTURE IN  
ABYSSINIATraining Schools  
For Settlers

## "CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rome, To-day. In order to hasten the systematic exploitation of the new Empire of Abyssinia for Italian agriculture, a special committee of the Bureau for Colonial Agriculture, supported by the Fascist Association of Agricultural workers, has decided to establish special colonial training schools for prospective settlers.

Here the land workers will be instructed how to tackle the fundamentally different and more difficult problems presented by the agricultural conditions in Abyssinia. The school will be assisted by travelling lecturers, radio propaganda and the distribution of informative literature.

RED CROSS UNITS LEAVE  
Djibouti: All the International Red Cross detachments, with the exception of one Swedish unit, whose whereabouts are not known, have arrived here, and are preparing to leave. — Trans-Ocean Service.

## MISSING BAG ARRIVES

London: The missing non-confidential postal packet addressed from the British Legation at Addis Ababa to the British Consul at Djibouti, which was at first described in press messages from Abyssinia as a diplomatic bag, has now arrived at Djibouti, according to a statement at Commons question-time yesterday by Lord Cranborne. — British Wireless Service.

The following are the final results of the Banner Rally of the Boy Scout's Association, held last Saturday at the Diocesan Boys' School sports ground.

1st H.K. Sea Scouts, (175½); 2nd H.K. Murray, (168½); 3rd H.K. St. Joseph's, (163); 2nd H.K. Catholic Cathedral, (156½); 15th H.K. Wah Yan College, (156½); 11th K. Wah Yan College, (156); 4th H.K. Garrison, (154); 7th H.K. King's College, (153); 1st K. St. Andrew's, (153); 6th K. D.B.S., (145); 3rd K. Catholic, (144½); 13th K. St. Teresa's, (133½); 7th K. Yeung Chi, (123½); and 8th K. (98).

UNREGISTERED  
"MUI-TSAI"Married Woman  
Charged

## BAIL OF \$1,000 ALLOWED

Leung Sui, a married woman, residing at No. 150 Queen's Road West, was this morning charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy with keeping Yu Mo-lo, aged 13, an unregistered *mu-tsei*, and with ill-treating her.

Defendant said that the child was her adopted daughter and that she did not beat the girl.

The case was adjourned till June 5, bail of \$1,000 being allowed.

## Girl's Story

Inspector Fraser said that as the result of information of a suspected unregistered *mu-tsei* at the above address, he, together with the lady inspector, visited the premises, where they found the girl. The girl told them that she had been presented to the defendant as an adopted daughter some time in 1935 for \$64. Her father had been banished to Wuchow and the money was required for his expenses and the payment of some debts. A presentation deed had been drawn up.

Another Tribute

Mr. J. Scott Harston said:—

"I also would like to express my deep regret at the departure of the Hon. Mr. Bell from the Board of this Company. My relations with him have always been of the friendliest nature. His business acumen is so well and widely known that like good wine it needs no bush."

"Among the outstanding traits in Mr. Bell's character are his honesty of purpose and his courage in at all times upholding his convictions, coupled with his never-failing courtesy. The absence of his genial presence from the future deliberations of this Board will, I feel sure, be greatly regretted by his fellow-members."

## Other Business

Mr. J. P. Sherry proposed and Mr. J. T. Bagshaw seconded the motion re-electing Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors for the ensuing year at the same remuneration and also authorising the company to pay them a sum of \$3,000 for special services last year. This concluded the business of the first meeting.

## Special Resolution

The Chairman, having nothing further to add to his remarks concerning the Special Resolution, formally proposed:—

That the Capital of the Company be reduced from \$15,000,000 divided into 1,500,000 shares \$10 each to \$11,250,000 divided into 1,500,000 shares of \$7.50 each, and that such reduction be effected by cancelling Capital which has been lost, or is unrepresented by available assets, to the extent of \$2.50 per share upon each of the 1,193,867 shares of the Company which have been issued, and by reducing the nominal amount of all the shares in the Company's Capital from \$10 to \$7.50 per share.

Mr. J. Scott Harston seconded the proposal which was carried by a unanimous vote.

## WEATHER REPORT

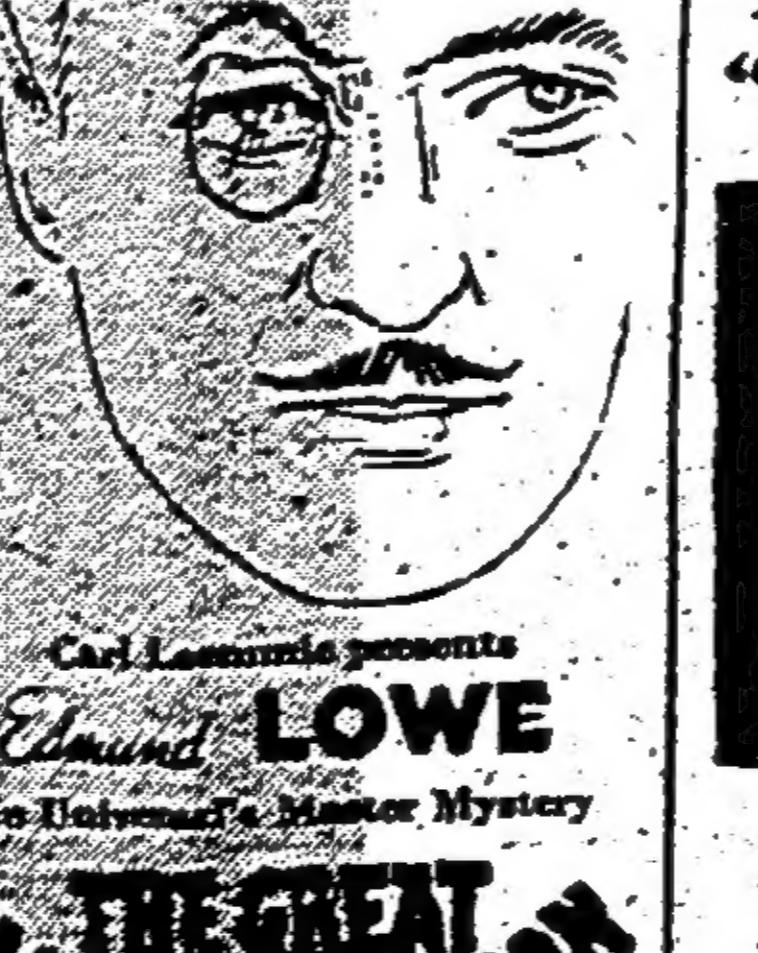
A ridge of moderately high pressure lies over the Yangtze and extends eastward across Japan to the Pacific. Shallow depressions are situated over Manchuria and Siam. East winds moderate; cloudy generally, was the forecast for to-day as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

## TO-DAY ONLY

## MINTON

A GRAND DOUBLE ATTRACTION!

## ON THE SCREEN



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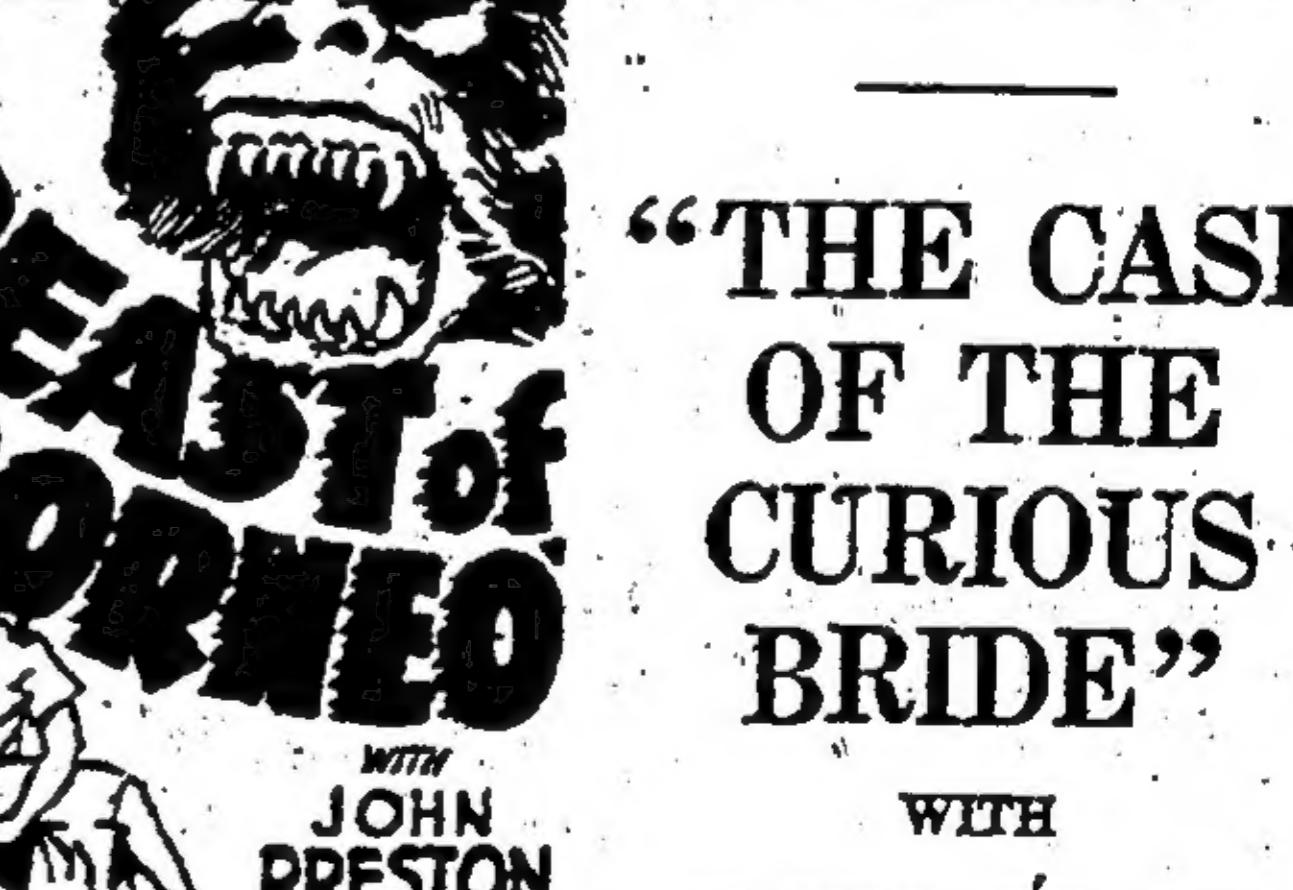
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## MAJESTIC

At 2.30, 5.20,  
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## TO-MORROW

"THE CASE  
OF THE CURIOUS  
BRIDE"

## WITH

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